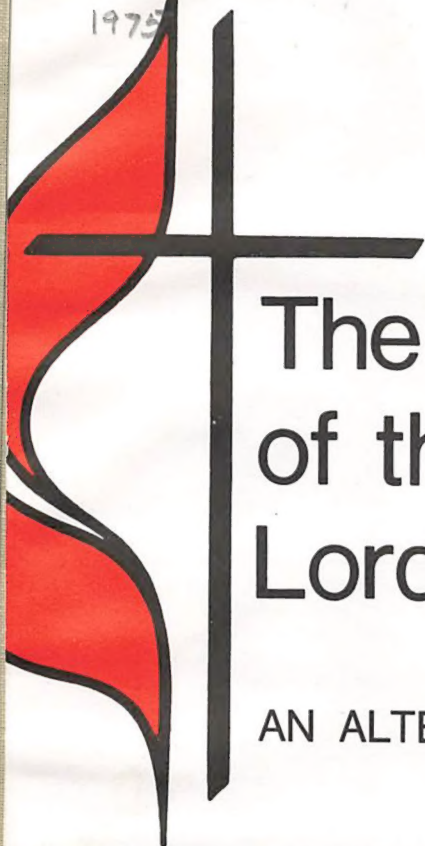


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The composer has dedicated the musical portions to his parents-in-law, Charles and Emma Peters.

The music was conceived with greatest congregational participation in mind. The congregation therefore is urged to join wholeheartedly in the singing as well as the speaking portions of this service.

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## GREETING

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

The Risen Christ is with us!

**Praise the Lord!**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

When we gather to praise God, we remember that we are his people who have preferred our wills to his. Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Eternal Father, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient Church:**

**we have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors,  
we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*†All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is God's own proof of his love toward us." In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

## ACT OF PRAISE

*†Here may be sung or said the "Glory to God in the Highest," an anthem, or another act of praise.*

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Glory to God in the Highest

Richard L. Fleming

Congregation  
(or second choir  
or selected voices)

Choir

Organ

*ff*

Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry,

*ff*

Gt. *ff*

3

6 *mf*

and

glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry to God in the high-est,

glo-ry

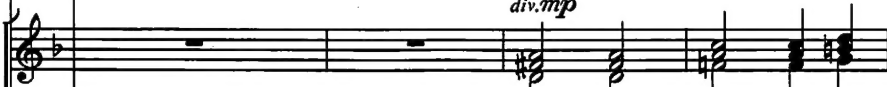
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10



peace to his peo-ple on earth.

*div. mp*



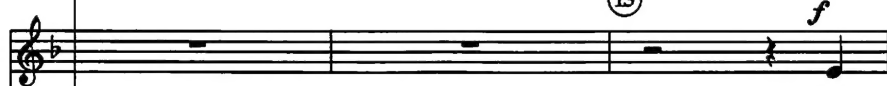
Lord God, heav - en - ly



10



13



we



King,

*mf*



al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

13



*p*

Sw.

*mf*



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

L.H. (Gt.) R.H. (Sw.) *mp*

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

*mp* *mp* *mp*

Ped. Sw. *mp*

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Christ, Lord God, Lamb — of

Lord God, Lord — God, Lamb —

*p* (Sw.)

G. L. Sw.

23

Women

you take a-way the sins of the world:

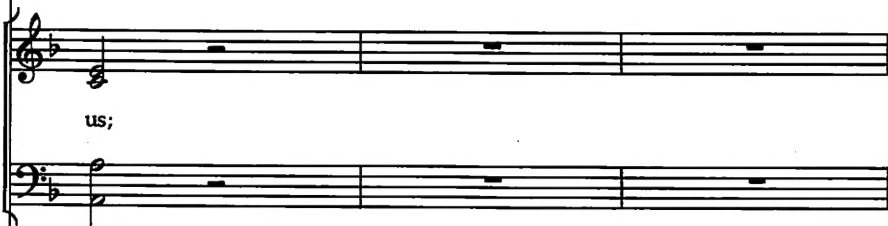
God, have mer - cy on

of God,

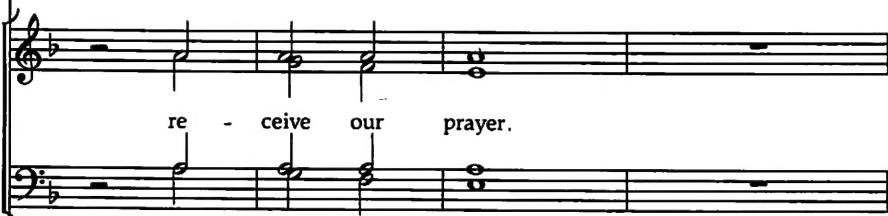
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*f*

(26) Men and Women

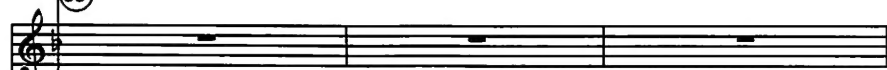


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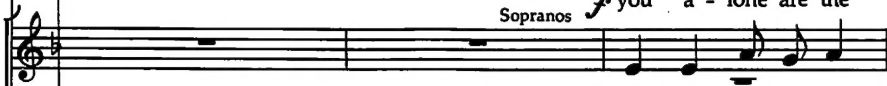




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*solidly*  
Sopranos *f* you a - lone are the



*solidly*

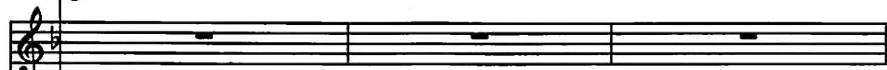


Basses You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you — are the

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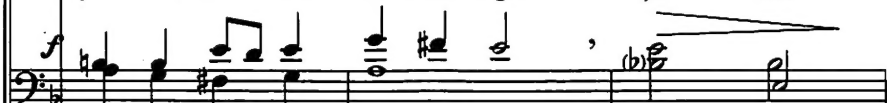
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Lord, Lord Most High;



you a - lone are the Most High; Je - sus



Lord, a - lone Most High;

36



(40) Women *f*

Men *f* in the glo-ry of God the

Christ, in the glo -

(Basses)

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, T. (b) B. glo - ry to the

(40)

Gt. Gt. (b)

Fa - ther. A - ' men!

ry of God. A - men! *ff*

Fa - ther. *ff*

*ff*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

**Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*†Between the lessons there may be psalms, canticles, anthems, or hymns.*

## SERMON

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*†This or another statement of faith may be said.*

**We believe in God:**

**Who has created and is creating,  
who has come in the true man, Jesus,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by his Spirit.**

**We trust him.**

**He calls us to be his Church:**

**to celebrate his presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

*†Concerns may be spoken spontaneously by members of the congregation, or prayers may be prepared for each occasion, or the following prayers may be used.*

**Let us pray:**

**That the world may live in peace, and that the Church may achieve unity, fulfilling its service here and everywhere:**

**This is our prayer.**

**That all ministers and teachers in the Church may be faithful servants of the gospel, leading others into its way of life and strengthening their faith:**

**This is our prayer.**

That the leaders of this nation and of the world may govern with justice and mercy:

**This is our prayer.**

That all our work may be done for the common good; that it be done in safety; and that all may be spared from grinding toil which destroys fullness of life:

**This is our prayer.**

That those who work on frontiers of truth and those who enrich our lives with beauty and joy may be free to follow their vocations:

**This is our prayer.**

That those who suffer disease or poverty or loneliness or grief may be healed and comforted; that those who are oppressed or persecuted may be strengthened and delivered:

**This is our prayer.**

That those whom we have known and loved who have died in the faith may be a glorious memory to us and a source of renewed fellowship with all the saints:

**This is our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and who desire to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us offer each other signs of reconciliation and love.

*†All stand and exchange signs and words of God's peace.*

## THE OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

*†A hymn may be sung while the gifts are brought to the table. The bread and wine may be brought forward with the money or uncovered if already in place.*

## THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And with you also.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Father, it is right that we should always and everywhere give you thanks and praise.

Only you are God.  
 You created all things and called them good.  
 You made us in your own image.  
 Even when we rebelled against your love,  
     you did not desert us.  
 You delivered us from captivity,  
     made covenant to be our God and King,  
     and spoke to us through your prophets.  
 Therefore, we join the entire company of heaven  
     and all your people on earth  
     in worshiping and glorifying you:

*†Here may be sung or said,*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

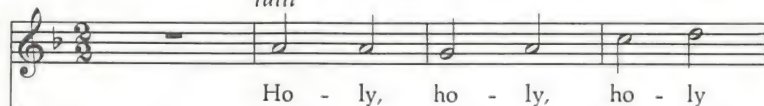
**Holy, holy, holy**

(Sanctus and Benedictus)

Richard L. Fleming

Congregation  
and  
Choir

*tutti*



Organ

5

(10) earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. (13)

(15) Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

(20) Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We thank you, Father,  
that you loved the world so much  
you sent your only Son to be our Savior.  
The Lord of all life came to live among us.  
He healed and taught men,  
ate with sinners,  
and won for you a new people by water and the Spirit.  
We saw his glory.

Yet he humbled himself in obedience to your will,  
freely accepting death on a cross.  
By dying, he freed us from unending death;  
by rising from the dead, he gave us everlasting life.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
the Lord Jesus took bread.

After giving you thanks,  
he broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

When the supper was over,  
he took the cup.

Again he returned thanks to you,  
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Drink from this, all of you,  
this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood,  
poured out for you and many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ  
and look forward to his coming in final victory.

*†Here may be sung or said,*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**



# Christ Has Died

(Acclamation)

Richard L. Fleming

Congregation and Choir

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Christ has died, Christ is —

Organ

5

ris - en, Christ will — come a - gain.

We remember and proclaim, Heavenly Father,  
what your Son has done for us  
in his life and death,  
in his resurrection and ascension.  
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as a reasonable and holy surrender of ourselves.  
Send the power of your Holy Spirit on us,  
gathered here out of love for you,  
and on these gifts.



Help us know  
 in the breaking of this bread  
 and the drinking of this wine  
 the presence of Christ  
 who gave his body and blood for mankind.

Make us one with Christ,  
 one with each other,  
 and one in service to all mankind.

*†Here may be sung or said,*

**Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit in your Holy Church,  
 all glory and honor is yours, Father. Amen.**

## Doxology

Richard L. Fleming

Congregation  
 and  
 Choir

Through your Son Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Organ

4

Spir - it in your Ho - ly Church, all glo - ry and hon - or is

8

yours, Fa - ther. A - men.

*†Here may be sung or said,*  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
 holy be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today the bread we need.  
 Forgive us our sins,  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us in the time of trial,  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Richard L. Fleming

Congregation  
and  
Choir

Our Fa-ther in heav-en,

Organ

⑤

ho - ly be your Name, your king-dom come,  
 \* (hal-lowed)

⑩

your will be done, on earth — as in heaven.

⑮

Give us to - day the bread we need. For -  
 \*(our dai - ly bread.)

\* Words in parenthesis adopted by International Consultation on English Texts.

(25)

give us our sins, as we for - give — those — who sin a -

gainst us. Save us in the time — of tri - al, and de -  
\*(from)

(25)

liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, and the

(30)

power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

## THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND TAKING OF THE CUP

*†The minister takes the bread and breaks it, saying:*

Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake.

When we break the bread, is it not a means of sharing in the body of Christ?

*†The minister takes the cup, saying:*

When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a means of sharing in the blood of Christ?

## THE GIVING

*†The bread and wine are given to the people with these or other words  
being exchanged:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

*†The congregation not at the table may sing hymns. See especially  
hymns 313-32. When all have received, the table is put in order.*

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

**Now we give ourselves for others.**

Your love has made us a new people;

**as a people of love we will serve you with joy.**

Your glory has filled our hearts;

**help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.**

## HYMN OR DOXOLOGICAL STANZA

### BENEDICTION

Go out in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

**We are sent in Christ's name.**

The blessing of Almighty God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

is with you always.

**Amen.**

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